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H. RES. 1397

Commending the important achievements of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as it celebrates 30 years of service to local domestic violence shelter and service programs and the victims of domestic violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. POE (for himself and Mr. COSTA) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Commending the important achievements of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as it celebrates 30 years of service to local domestic violence shelter and service programs and the victims of domestic violence.

Whereas in 1978, more than 100 advocates for battered women from around the country gathered in Washington, DC, to attend the hearing held by the United States Commission on Civil Rights on the plight of battered women, and also to address in concert, the problems those advocates faced in aiding victims of domestic violence;

Whereas the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (referred to in this resolution as the “NCADV”) is the first national organization of grassroots shelter and serv-

ice programs that supports victims of domestic violence and works toward the elimination of domestic violence;

Whereas in 1970, shelters for the victims of domestic violence were thought inconceivable, today there are over 2,000 shelter and service programs dedicated to providing millions of the women and children who were victims of domestic violence a safe environment free from violence and the threat of violence;

Whereas shelter programs are among the most effective resources for people with abusive partners;

Whereas staying in a shelter and working with a domestic violence advocate significantly reduces the likelihood that a victim will be abused again and improves the quality of life for those victims;

Whereas one in every four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime;

Whereas the cost of domestic violence exceeds \$5,800,000,000 each year, \$4,100,000,000 of which is for medical care and mental health services;

Whereas the NCADV works to change the entrenched, misguided beliefs that foster the use of violence against women and children;

Whereas the NCADV currently serves as a national information and referral center for Congress, the public, the media, battered women and their children, and other organizations; and

Whereas the NCADV has an excellent history of providing information and technical assistance to shelter and service programs aiding battered women and promoting the development of innovative programs to aid battered women: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the exemplary work of the
3 NCADV in providing resources and support for
4 the victims of domestic violence and serving as
5 an advocate for battered women by advancing
6 the transformative work, thinking, and leader-
7 ship of the organizations dedicated to helping
8 victims of domestic violence;

9 (2) commemorates the 30th anniversary of
10 the creation of the NCADV, one of the most re-
11 sourceful and innovative resources for the vic-
12 tims of domestic violence;

13 (3) encourages all people of the United
14 States to help combat the entrenched, mis-
15 guided beliefs that foster violence and force as
16 a means of control in a relationship; and

17 (4) acknowledges that continued efforts are
18 necessary to end the use of violence in relation-
19 ships in order to ensure the safety of every per-
20 son in the United States at home and in life.

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